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In re the

Application of:

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Title:

CHASSIS FAIRING LATCH WITH

INTEGRAL HANDLE

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Declaration Under Rule 1.131

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Sir:

Inventor Michael C. Sorrells declares that:

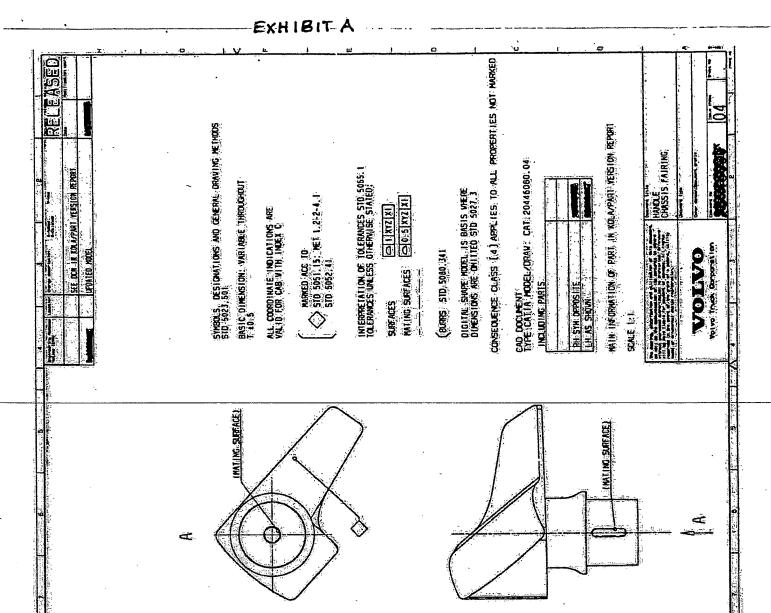
- 1. Prior to July 31, 2002, I had invented and reduced to practice the chassis fairing latch described and claimed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/619,407.
- 2. Attached as exhibits A and B are drawing prints for a chassis fairing latch rotatable handle and latching pin guide mechanism (with release dates redacted) that were created prior to July 31, 2002. Exhibit A shows the rotatable handle that defines a plane of rotation when rotated about an axis of rotation (the axis of rotation indicated as the arrow marked "A"). Exhibit B shows a base part or housing having a latching pin guide (the curved slot) that engages and guides the latching pin along the central axis in response to rotation of the handle.

- 3. Attached as Exhibit C is an assembly drawing of a chassis fairing with a latch in accordance with the invention. This drawing was created prior to July 31, 2002. The dates and company part numbers have been redacted. The hand-written numbers correspond to those in the application drawings and indicate the handle 12, housing 25, and retaining pin 15. The handle and housing are the same as those shown in Exhibits A and B. This assembly drawing corresponds to a working prototype of the fairing latch that was built and made operable before July 31, 2002.
- 4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that theses statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this Declaration is directed.

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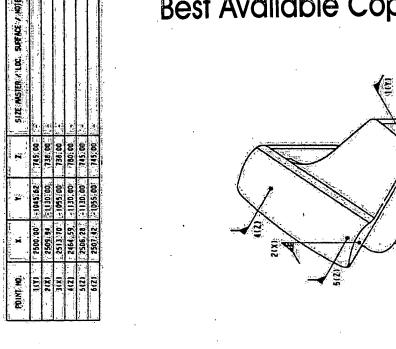
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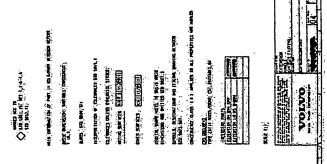


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